

Lamont Elementary School Council
Hybrid Meeting held on April 24, 2025
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Heather Rideout, Krista Skinner, Colleen Holowaychuk, Jacy Froland, Jessie Ouellet, Carla Kwiatoski, Leslie Pavan (A.P.), Marlis Marler (Principal), Mrs. Percy (teacher rep)

1. Call to Order:

Heather Rideout called the meeting to order at 6:05

Minutes taken by Krista Skinner.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Jacy moved to approve the meeting agenda. Carla seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes:

February Meeting Minutes approved by Heather and seconded by Jacy.

4. Principal Report (Presented by Marlis)

School Council:

1. Thank you for coin war fun, pizza lunch, ice cream sundaes

Important Dates:

1. Our Ukrainian program students have been making paska, pysanky & are looking forward to Easter

breakfast tomorrow morning (April 25)

2. Have an Earth Day presentation Tuesday, April 29 (afternoon)

3. Track team practicing for May 8 EIPS Invitational Meet

4. PATs starting May 12

5. Kindergarten Information Night - May 29 at 6

6. Art Show & Picnic June 5th

1. Misc:

2. Report cards, pushing through curriculum

3. During Education week we had 2 guest speakers & each classroom spent time looking at favourite

memories and what they love about school

4. We said farewell to 3 student teachers

5. Looking forward to good weather to be able to paint the stencils outside

6. We are completing our emergency drills (fire & severe weather)

7. Playground update - the swings and structures are looking good for now and won't be removed this summer

5. LUBA Report

- None present to report
- Discussion regarding the breakfast. Some parents (not in attendance) have brought concerns to various other parents regarding not having lunch for the school due to the separate meal, however Bruderheim was still fed. Parents have been advised to bring concerns to administration (ie. office staff - Marlis, Leslie or Tanya). There are 335 students at LES, approximately 100 are part of LUBA. If any child needs a lunch they are always welcome to go to the office to get food from the staff.

6. Trustee Report:

Lamont Elementary School Council Trustee Report – April 2025

2026-2029 Three-Year Capital Plan Approved

Priority 1:

New Fort Saskatchewan High School on the Southridge site to replace the current Rudolf Hennig Junior High and Fort High School with one new building. Request also includes demolishing the current Fort High School once the new building is complete and students are moved over.

Priority 2: New Replacement School for James Mowat Elementary School on the same site.

Edwin Parr Teacher Award

We had two nominees this year.

The Board approved Elk Island Public School's nomination of Janna MacLelland, first-year French immersion teacher from Ardrossan Elementary School for the Alberta School Board

Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 2025 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

Campus EIPS

The board approved a new school code and name of Campus EIPS. This is not a brick-and-mortar building but will be housed out of central office that enables us to start providing the collegiate program to our high school students. Students will be able to take courses through the collegiate program but remain students at their home school. Information sessions will be held at Ardrossan (April 22) and Fort Saskatchewan (April 29) 6-7:30pm regarding RAP and Campus EIPS.

Volunteer Appreciation

On behalf of the Board please accept our sincere thank you and appreciation for all the time and dedication our school volunteers show.

Budget 2025-2026

Budget Assumptions were approved on April 17, 2025

Allocations to Schools and Departments approved April 24, 2025.

Approved the use of reserves and allocations to schools and departments for 2025-2026. Please see April 24, 2025, board meeting package for the report for full details.

Key Budget Priorities for the Board for 2025-2026:

Ongoing Support of Literacy and Numeracy Improvement

Continued pursuit of Collegiate School/Program and support for Career Pathways

Complexity in the Classrooms: the algorithm that EIPS has created has allowed the more fair and equitable way of addressing classroom complexity

Curriculum and Resource Development

Retention of Staff and Staff Equity

Equity for Rural

- Mundare school enrolment has declined such that they have dropped a funding group under the Rural Small Schools Grant. To hold the school fiscally harmless and ensure delivery of quality education continues with sufficient staffing, the Division has allocated additional funds. \$119,062.
- For the two small rural schools, the amount reduced from their block funding for operations has been eliminated, allowing them to keep more funding.
- There continues to be a \$30 per student Distance allocation for rural areas (costs more for field trips etc.) provided to schools in Sectors 4 and 5.
- Mileage allocation for schools in Sectors 4 and 5 will continue. This is to fund staff traveling to Central Services for professional development and/or meetings. This provides for one principal and assistant principal meeting per month, and one staff person meeting per year.
- Hosting a rural forum to work with our rural communities to identify what is wanted in rural education.

Expansion of Early Learning Outcomes

Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Considerations

Nutrition program will stay in Lamont/Bruderheim for 2025-2026

Reserves

Reserve Limits For 2025-26, the maximum and minimum limits on operating reserves set by Alberta Education have not changed from prior year. These limits apply to all operating reserves except school generated funds (SGF).

- The minimum limit for all school boards is 1% of prior year expenditures. The minimum limit for EIPS at August 31, 2025, is estimated to be \$2,131,515.
- The maximum limit for all school boards is 6% of prior year expenditures. The maximum limit for EIPS at August 31, 2026, is estimated to be \$12,789,091.
- EIPS' operating reserve balance (excluding SGF) at August 31, 2026, will be appropriately between these two limits, with a balance of \$5,701,463. Just over \$9million including SGF.

Capital Reserves \$791,883.00. We can always use operating reserves for capital purchases. In order to be considered 'capital' it must cost more than \$500 and last longer than one year.

LHS White Bus. EIPS central fronts the cost and the school pay it back over ten years. \$153,000.00

Transportation Eligibility

Alberta Education amended the current distance eligibility funding criteria from 1.0 km for kindergarten to Grade 6 students to 1.6 km effective September 1, 2025, however we will have transition funding for the 2025-2026 year and then it will fully

come effective on September 1, 2026. Students 1.59km or less will then become ineligible. Grade 7-12 will remain at 2.0km

Will likely see a small increase but nothing like we first anticipated.

COSC Meeting Dates

The next COSC meeting will be held on Wednesday May 7, 2025, at EIPS Central Office in Sherwood Park. Meetings are always available to join virtually.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on May 29, 2025.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on May 1, 2029. (transportation fees will be on the agenda)

7. Town of Lamont Report:

Lamont Elementary School - Town Council Report April 2025

Volunteer Appreciation

Lamont event was well attended. All Volunteers are invited. Thank you from Town Council to all our volunteers.

Tax Notices

0% increase to Mill rate.

Although there is a % 0 increase to the mill rate, the tax amount can still increase because the assessed value of homes in Lamont has increased.

The Town also has to collect taxes (requisitions) that are then paid forward to Education (provincial, not EIPS), Seniors Housing, Policing. The Town does not keep any of those dollars.

Library Fundraiser

Mothers' Day Fundraiser on May 7, 2025. Welcome Door Mat

Urban Hen Bylaw

Council felt that the pilot project was successful and has created a bylaw for Urban Hens within the Town.

Town Wide Clean Up

May 10, 2025

All are welcome and any help is appreciated.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook.

Next meeting is May 13, 2025.

The Town of Lamont FB Page is always a great place to look for information.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business:

Art Show - Query from Marlis - has parent council ever been involved?

Answer, we have not been requested to help with anything, however many are more than willing to volunteer if needed!

11. **Date of Next Meeting:** May 22, 2025 at 6:00

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR*

12. Meeting adjourned by Heather Rideout at 6:34 pm